

## Illinois Health Care Coverage Options and Benefits Information for People with Disabilities Virtual Conference Agenda for September 1, 2021

9:00 - 9:10 a.m.

***Welcome and Introductions:***

- ◆ Amie Lulinski, Executive Director, The Arc of Illinois
- ◆ Mary Dixon, Project Director, Family to Family Health Information Center/Family Voices of Illinois

9:10 - 10:10 a.m.

***Medicaid Programs and Application Process***

presented by Jay Bohn, Department of Human Services

10:10 - 11:10 a.m. - ***SSI/SSDI***

presented by Megan Forristall, Jack Myers, and Josephine Mueller,  
Social Security Administration

11:10 - 11:25 a.m. - **Break**

11:25 a.m. - 12:25 p.m. - ***Family Caregiver Support Panel***

- ◆ Lauren Agoratus, Family Voices New Jersey
- ◆ Tina Yurik, Illinois Respite Coalition
- ◆ Nina Aliprandibolley, Maryville Children's Healthcare Center

12:25 - 12:55 p.m. - **Lunch Break**

12:55 - 2:10 p.m. ***Child Behavioral Health Panel***

- ◆ Andi Durbin, CEO, Illinois Collaboration on Youth (ICOY)
- ◆ Jocelyn Vega, Director of Trauma Initiatives, Illinois Collaboration on Youth (ICOY)
- ◆ Debbi Smith, CRSA Director
- ◆ Jose Viruet, Clinical Director - Behavioral Health, Erie Family Health Centers

2:10 - 2:15 p.m. - **Break**

2:15 - 3:00 p.m. - ***Telehealth Panel***

- ◆ Roseani Sanchez, Project Coordinator, Family Voices
- ◆ Nicole Magalis, Vice President, Member Advocacy, Illinois Health and Hospital Association

## About the Presenters

**Lauren Agoratus, M.A.** is the NJ Coordinator for Family Voices, NJ Regional Coordinator for the Family-to-Family Health Information Center, and Product Development Coordinator for RAISE (Resources for Advocacy, Independence, Self-Determination, and Employment). She also serves as NJ representative for the Caregiver Community Action Network as a volunteer. Nationally, Lauren has served on the Center for Health Care Strategies Medicaid Workgroup on Family Engagement, and as Family Advisor for Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs National Research Network, to name a few. Lauren was recently named a Hero Advocate by Exceptional Parent Magazine (<https://reader.mediawiremobile.com/epmagazine/issues/207207/viewer?page=18>).

**Nina Aliprandi, M.A.** has been employed at Maryville Academy since April of 1986. Nina is currently a dual role, as the Family Services Division Director which encompasses Maryville Academy's Crisis Nursery, Children's Healthcare Center, and the Madden Shelter for pregnant and parenting teens. As an Associate Executive Director, Nina assists in the administration and planning of the agency programs and provides direction and leadership to specific agency functions and program operations. Since 2005, Ms. Aliprandi has served as the director of Maryville's family services which includes the Children's Healthcare Center. She is a member of the Pathways Medical Round Table and serves on the Board of Be Strong Families.

**Jay Bohn and Matt Gurney** began working for the State of Illinois Department of Public Aid- KidCare Program (now AllKids) in 1999, then transferred to DHS-DDD in 2011. He is currently an analyst in the Medicaid Waiver Unit. Before his state employment, he worked for ten years in the private sector for Mental Health (MH) and I/DD community residential agencies in Illinois and Oregon. Matt Gurney is a Human Service caseworker for the IL Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS). He worked for Jay Bohn at the IL DHS -DDD Hub Pilot Project until it ended and then went to work HFS where he assists with DD children's waiver recipient eligibility issues as well as statewide priority cases.

**Andrea Durbin** has been the Chief Executive Officer of Illinois Collaboration on Youth since 2012. Prior to becoming CEO, Andrea served as policy and advocacy director for ICOY and led the agency's federally-funded capacity-building initiative for youth service agencies in Chicago. ICOY merged with the Child Care Association of Illinois on July 1, 2017 and is now the largest provider voice for services to children, youth and families, representing nearly 100 organizations across the state. Andrea serves as an invited member of Governor Pritzker's Healthy Families and Communities Transition Team. She represents providers through the Social Services Advisory Council, the Child Welfare Advisory Committee and the Mental Health Opportunities for Youth Diversion Task Force, among many others.

**Megan Forristall, Josephine Mueller, and Jack Myers** are Public Affairs Specialists for the Social Security Administration. Together, they have over 40 years of experience with Social Security. They work together to cover the outreach needs for Social Security offices throughout the state of Illinois.

**Nicole Magalis** is Vice President, Member Advocacy, with the Illinois Health and Hospital Association, (IHA) and has been with the Association for over 20 years. Magalis represents IHA member interests to the legislators and staff of the Illinois General Assembly as well as with other lobbyists and interest groups. Prior to coming to the association she served as a legislative liaison for the Illinois Department of Human Services and was legislative assistant to a state representative. The Illinois Health and Hospital Association, with offices in Chicago, Naperville, Springfield and Washington, D.C., advocates for Illinois' more than 200 hospitals and nearly 40 health systems as they serve their patients and communities.

**Roseani Sánchez** Project Director at Family Voices National, where I focuses on organizational development across different projects that support und erserved communities', inclusion in all aspects of family engagement and family-centered practices. I am a native Spanish speaker from Puerto Rico and mother of twin boys.

**Debbi Smith** As a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, Debbi Smith has 35 years of experience working with children and adults with mental health conditions. She is the Executive Director of the Community and Residential Services Authority, CRSA. CRSA is a legislatively created authority designed to address access barriers to mental health and educational services for youth with emotional difficulties. Ms. Smith's skills include strong clinical knowledge, program development, program evaluation, facilitation and conflict resolution. She has expertise in attachment therapy, play therapy, Neuro- Linguistic Programming (NLP) and experiential therapy. She possesses an ongoing understanding of the children's behavioral health service delivery systems within Illinois.

**Jose Viruet** is a bilingual Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor in Illinois with over 19 years of clinical experience. He has specialized training in group therapy, substance abuse, EMDR, de-escalation, Transition-to-Independence Process (TIP) model, and trauma-informed practices. He has worked in various settings such as residential youth homes, psychiatrist hospitals and community outreach. Currently, Jose is the Clinical Director of Behavioral Health at Erie Family Health Centers (FQHC).

**Jocelyn Vega** joined ICOY as a Trauma Specialist to support technical assistance, training and capacity-building. Prior to joining ICOY, Jocelyn provided crisis intervention, safety planning and court support to individuals who experienced harm at the Cook County Domestic Violence Courthouse. Over the course of her career, Jocelyn has additionally interviewed Khmer Rouge survivors and provided program consulting for a research fellowship in Siem Reap, Cambodia, as well as served as a legal translator for undocumented farmworkers in upstate New York. Due to these experiences, Jocelyn is dedicated to addressing structural barriers that marginalize experience, expression, and belonging within an intersectional trauma lens.

**Tina Yurik** is the Executive Director of the Illinois Respite Coalition (IRC). Prior to working for the IRC, Tina volunteered as a board member for ten years, six of which she served as IRC board president. Previously, Tina worked as the Director of Clearbrook's Take a Break volunteer respite programs for 18 years. She has taught trainings on special education issues related to IDEA and ADA both regionally and nationally through the Family Resource Center on Disabilities, as the Assistant Director. She currently serves as a committee member for the Special Recreation Services of Northern Lake County. Tina enjoys spending time with her four children, two dogs and their cat.

## Cost & Registration

### Virtual Conference

September 1, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Registration Fees for Participants are:

#### Arc Members:

Professional.....\$ 75.00  
Consumer/Family Member.....\$ 40.00

#### Non Arc Members:

Professional.....\$130.00  
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Mokena, IL 60448  
815-464-1832

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**CEUs** will be offered for this training. Licensed Social Workers, Licensed Nursing Home Administrators and QIDP's signing in and out on the day of the event are entitled to five (5) credits.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS AND FAMILY STIPENDS

We have two options for **family/self-advocate stipends** for this event. (Stipends are not available for professionals receiving CEUs.)

1. F2F stipends are available for families and youth up to age 21 with any type of special needs, disability and/or chronic illness. **Call 866-931-1110 to apply for this option.**
2. The Arc of Illinois Consumer Stipends are available for parents of adult children over age 21 with developmental disabilities only. **Call 815-464-1832 to apply for this option.**

**CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS** Participants canceling their registration 72 hours in advance will be entitled to a credit or refund, less a \$25.00 administrative cost. No refund or credit will be given for cancellation less than 72 hours before the seminar.

## Registration Form

### "Illinois Health Care Coverage Options"

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